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## **Top links**

### FCC: Blocking Wi-Fi in hotels is prohibited

Marriott asked the FCC to please let it block Wi-Fi. The hotel gets a firm answer. Ars Technica

#### Slow Scan TV from the ISS this weekend

The Russian ARISS team members plan to activate the amateur radio Slow Scan TV (SSTV) experiment on 145.800 MHz FM from the International Space Station (ISS) during this weekend. AMSAT UK

### Participation in Centennial on-the-air events exceeds all expectations

Approximately 3.5 million contacts were recorded for W1AW portable operations and the Centennial Points Challenge during the Centennial QSO Party last year.

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# **Winter Field Day Flop**

Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio (SPAR), has been a favorite event of mine since the first time I participated in one back in 2012. KK4DSD

## FCC "paperless" license policy goes into effect on February 17

Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization ("Active" status only) via the ULS License Manager.

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#### 29MHz AM

The 29-29.1MHz sub-band continues to be the best place to find HF AM. amateurradio.com

#### How had I missed this? The FT-8900 does AM on 28MHz!

How long have I had my FT-8900? Four, five years, maybe? Of course I knew it received AM on air band and have used it on there from time to time, but it never occurred to me that it would work on 29MHz.

#### 3D Printed QSL Card

The ARTSAT2:DESPATCH team have sent a a 3D printed QSL card to Michał Zawada SQ5KTM and the Polish team to confirm their reception of the amateur radio signal from the FO-81 spacecraft at a distance of 2,715,228 km from Earth.

**AMSAT UK** 

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## With just a WSPR

It's really amazing what you can do with computers in amateur radio, and there's been an explosion in the number of digital modes. One interesting mode that I've recently been introduced to is WSPR, which is short for Weak Signal Propagation Reporting.

### The Quadrus: A New Military-Grade Software Defined Radio Receiver

The Quadrus SDR has phase-coherent multi-channel capabilities with up to 16 channels, which means that it can be used for direction finding, diversity reception, as well as MIMO applications. The SWLing Post

### Noble Radio NR-4SC: 4 meters for pros

The NR-4SC is a simple to use 10 Watt (minimum) 4 Meter SSB/ CW transceiver. The radio operates USB and CW.

PD0AC

#### Video

# Portable Ham Radio on Pigeon Key, Florida

KX9X operates from Pigeon Key, Florida, as part of the US Islands Awards Program. Sean set up at Pigeon Key's Marine Science Center in December 2014, and made over 140 two-way contacts in four hours.

KX9X

# The "Accidental" Company - The making of FlexRadio

Gerald Youngblood K5SDR, Founder, President and CEO of FlexRadio Systems, gives the banquet talk at the DCC.

Ham Radio Now

## Stringing a dipole with a drone

We tied rope on an RC bomb, flew over a tree and then dropped it. S54O, S54MTB, S57GP

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